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The Special Assistant for Intelligence, Department of State, proposes the following changes in SE-51: The Significance of the New Indonesian Government:

Paragraph 4. As long as the present cabinet remains in power, the Communists will be in a position gradually to increase their influence. Although *State future para 4*
On the basis of present indications, the Communists ~~may be able over an-extended-period-of-time~~ ~~are not likely~~ to achieve a dominating position in Indonesia through a gradual increase of strength ~~we do not believe on the basis of present indications~~ during the expected life of this cabinet, either through armed force or political action. ~~during the next twelve months~~

Paragraph 17. (strike final sentence). ~~On the other hand, if this cabinet remains in power for an extended period of time, the Communists may ultimately be in a position to dominate Indonesia.~~

Paragraph 18. ~~It is impossible to estimate with confidence the probable future trends in Indonesian political developments. On balance, however, we believe, As long as the present cabinet remains in power, the Communists will be in a position gradually to increase their influence.~~ On the basis of present indications, the Communists ~~are not likely to~~ ~~will increase their influence but will not achieve a dominating position in Indonesia during the expected life of this cabinet~~, either through armed force or political action. ~~during the next twelve months.~~

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On the basis of pres. indic, we believe that the

visits will increase their influ as a result

~~of the tenure of the present cabinet, but will~~
~~during the next 12 mos~~
not achieve a dom. posit in S/N etc --

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12 months

A18 thus also

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The SA (R) believes

~~we believe that this should be confined~~  
to the est'd ~~date~~ life of the present  
Cabi. He feels therefor that this A should  
read: (if State)

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indications, we believe  
that as a result of the  
tenure of this cabinet,  
the Communists will increase  
their influence ~~but~~  
but will not achieve a  
dominating position in  
Indonesia, either through  
armed force or political  
action during the next  
twelve months.\*

(State estimate. State  
feels that this estimate should  
be used with the understanding

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~~life of this cabinet and~~  
should ~~not~~ deal with general  
~~affairs~~  
developments which may  
occur subsequent to this  
cabinet's tenure.)

P 18. [Identical  
with P 4 + footnote]

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JAKARTA, INDONESIA (AP)--COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER ABIKUSNO TJOKROSUJOSO RESIGNED LAST NIGHT FROM INDONESIA'S SIX-WEEK-OLD RADICAL NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT. HE WAS THE SECOND CABINET MINITER TO QUIT WITHIN A WEEK.

FOUR DAYS AGO NATIONAL WELFARE MINISTER SUDIBIO QUIT THE CABINET. THEIR STEP-DOWN WAS NOT EXPECTED TO THREATEN THE LIFE OF PREMIER ALI SASTROAMI DJOJO'S ADMINISTRATION, HOWEVER. BOTH RESIGNATIONS FOLLOWED PERSONAL WRANGLES BETWEEN THE MEN AND THEIR UNITED MOSLEM PARTY.

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